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Online 'hacktivists' launch virtual sit-in vs cops website



COMPUTER-SAVVY Filipino protesters took civil disobedience to cyberspace yesterday, launching a "virtual sit-in" campaign that urges online activists to overwhelm the police website with numerous hits.

ONLINE A6

Teacher in GenSan asks erring pupils to undress

By Alcuin Papa in Manila and Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

EVEN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION warned public school teachers yesterday against inflicting harsh or unusual punishment on students, parents were up in arms against another teacher who allegedly forced Grade 6 pupils who did poorly in exams to undress before their classmates.

TEACHER A11

Filipino singer wins world jazz competition in London

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—ONCE again, a Filipino is the best of 'em.

Jazz singer Mon David won the grand prize in the prestigious London International Jazz Competition (LIJC) last Wednesday besting 106 vocalists from 27 countries.

The 52-year-old native of Pampanga began his performance at the finals—held at the Cadogan Hall in London's Sloane Square—with a few bars of an ethnic chant, singing a cappella the first lines of "Manang Biday" and then crossing "My One and Only Love" and "Lullaby of Birdland."

As LIJC Jazz Vocalist 2006, David will receive £1,000 (nearly P90,000) and take on engagements at the Jazz in Avon and the 606 Club in Chelsea.

Confirming on Thursday news of his winning, David told his friends in Pampanga that in his spiel, he shared his "amazement at how music can transcend borders and cultural differences, how it can bring people together, how it can truly set us free."

Said David's 10-year-old daughter Nikki: "We were asking him if he had felt like he won it after he

SINGER A11



THE ONE AND ONLY Mon David (center) bested 106 jazz singers from 27 countries. On hand to fete him are RP Ambassador to the Court of St James's Edgardo Espiritu, Ann David, Lydia Espiritu, Mishka Adams, Arie Ozinto (partly hidden) and Warren Bates of Candid Records.

Cha-cha gets going today

Barangay assemblies start people's initiative to amend Charter



SIGNS OF THE TIMES. At the Legaspi Village Park, Legaspi Street, Makati City, an ordinary streamer could well be a cause for alarm. It announces the annual barangay general assembly. Only this year 's is different. Its main agenda is to kick off a signature campaign to amend the Constitution through a people's initiative. It begins today nationwide, according to the reports of the PDI news bureaus.

By Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau
Norman Bordadora and Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

THE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN to amend the Constitution began early this week and is expected to intensify when barangay assemblies are convened nationwide tomorrow March 25 and again on Oct. 21, officials yesterday said.

The barangay assemblies have the imprimatur of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

In Memorandum Circular No. 2006-25, issued March 20, the DILG directed local government officials to conduct the assemblies on March 25 and Oct. 21.

A people's initiative is one of the three modes of amending the 1987 Constitution. The others are Congress convening itself into a constituent assembly (Con-Ass) and a constitutional convention (Con-con) whose delegates are elected.

In the people's initiative, a petition for amendments requires the signatures of at least 12 percent of the total number of registered voters and at least 3 percent of every congressional district's registered voters.

Malacañang, through the DILG, is apparently pushing for a people's initiative because it is averse to a Con-con and Con-Ass is not likely to be convened because of strong opposition from senators.

Leyte Gov. Jericho Petilla acknowledged that a signature campaign for amending the Constitution through a people's initiative would be the main agenda in the barangay assemblies.

Petilla said the DILG had directed all mayors and barangay officials in the province to gather the needed signatures in their respective areas during the assemblies.

CHA-CHA A11

20 officers in plot face court-martial

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE PHILIPPINE ARMY HAS RECOMMENDED court-martial proceedings against Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, the sacked Scout Ranger commander, and 19 other officers for allegedly participating in the aborted coup attempt against President Macapagal-Arroyo last month.

The Army chief, Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, made the recommendation to Gen. Generoso Senga, Armed Forces chief of staff, according to Maj. Bartolome Bacarro, the Army spokesperson.

The Army investigated 59 officers and 37 enlisted personnel in connection with the plot to withdraw support from Ms Arroyo during a rally commemorating the 20th anniversary of the People Power revolution on Feb. 24.

"The 20 officers recommended for general court-martial have varying degrees of participation in the foiled coup. However, the final decision will be up to the chief of staff," Bacarro said yesterday.

He said these officers, including Lim, could be charged with vi-

20 OFFICERS A11

Garci: Why blame fake passport on me?

By Michael Lim Ubac and Philip C. Tubeza

THE MAN AT THE CENTER OF THE PURported fraud that marked the 2004 presidential polls expressed bewilderment yesterday over the finding of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) that a passport he had submitted to the joint House inquiry on the "Hello Garci" scandal was fake.

The BSP prints all Philippine passports for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Reached yesterday by phone at his farm in Balulang, former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano said that before he turned over the passport (No. JJ245810) to the five House committees that conducted the probe, he had been holding it since it was issued in 2002.

"It has always been in my possession ... kept at my residence in Barangay Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City," he said, pointing out that the passport was issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs satellite office in that city.

Garcillano, 68, claimed that when he submitted his two passports to the joint inquiry, he believed they were "genuine."

He took issue with Cavite Rep. Gilbert

GARCI A6

Palace says ad plan won't 'choke' media

By Alcuin Papa and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY ASsured the public that a new executive order seeking to consolidate the advertising budgets of all government agencies, including the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor), was not meant to curtail press freedom.

But the National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) said Executive Order No. 511 could be used to harass a critical media.

Carlos Conde, an NUJP official, said there was nothing wrong with streamlining government ad budgets, "but if you look at the political context of the past few months it becomes telling."

"We have a government that wants to control the flow of information," he said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo signed EO 511 on March 6, cove-

PALACE A11

Lafayette to resume mining; inquiry on

AUSTRALIA'S LAFAYETTE MINing Ltd. has announced it will resume work in the Philippines—halted after a toxic spill—but a local official says the Arroyo administration has given assurance that this will happen only upon the completion of a Church-led inquiry.

Reuters news agency said in a dispatch from Sydney that Lafayette's announcement yesterday drove its stock 18 percent higher in the Australian Stock Exchange.

Fr. Leo Dolo of the Social Action Center of the Diocese of Sorsogon said in a phone interview yesterday that Lafayette would not be allowed to resume operations until an independent team convened by Bishop Arturo Bastes had completed its inquiry into the viability and acceptability of the firm's project.

During a visit to Albay in February, the President gave Bastes the go-ahead to form a team of experts that would investigate the Rapu-Rapu Polymetallic Project, once called the flagship of the revived Philippine mining industry. Ms Arroyo herself designated Bastes chair of the probe team.

Lafayette also said its managing director, Andrew McIlwain, had resigned, and that it had secured A$42 million (P1.5 billion) in funding support to underpin its operations in the Philippines via share placements and subordinated debt.

Lafayette Mining, through its subsidiary, Lafayette Philippines Inc., runs the sprawling gold, copper and silver mine on Rapu-Rapu island in Albay.

LAFAYETTE A6



MOUNTAIN SUBDUED
Only seven volcanic earthquakes were recorded of the Mt. Bulusan activities the past 24 hours. But Phivolcs warns the threat to hazardous explosion remains. (Story on Page A11.)

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

House OKs P1-trillion budget

Cardinal Rosales to get Red Hat in Vatican rites



CARDINAL ROSALES

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED ON SECOND reading at dawn yesterday the P1.05-trillion General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2006, the biggest-ever national budget which the administration claims will strongly help bail the country out of its economic and political woes.

'Priority blueprint'

Belligerent Senate

Gov't, Moro rebs fail to hammer out deal

Wallace is graduation speaker in Pagsanjan

Badjaos find new home in Zambales

By Cynthia D. Balana

Romblon State College holds alumni fellowship

No due process, PNP says of CHR report

By Luige A. del Puerto



Chavit says Erap failed as witness

By Norman Bordadora

Prosecution awaits

All out vs jueteng



THE DAILY GOSPEL

GMA vows to spend more on education



Judge opts out of Subic rape case

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Still many hurdles

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Latest info

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This customs guard is a multi-millionaire

By Michelle F. Remo

Ex-solon's father dies

20 officers recommended for court-martial–Esperon

Other officers probed

Other cases

Palace says ad plan won't 'choke' media

Big spenders

Ad boycott won't work

Backlash

Nothing sinister

Tribune's lampoon issue

Solons ask DOJ to dismiss raps

By Armand N. Nocum

Restive Mt. Bulusan settles down



MOUNT BULUSAN is calm hours after spewing ash.

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OPINION



End to debate

EDITORIAL

GMA policy toward 'jueteng' lords: Join them

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Neal H. Cruz

Why restrict the overseas Filipino professional?

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

Duplicity of generals

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Amando Doronila

'I'm sorry Mother Earth'

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Liberation from history

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Peta comes home

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

Repression begets revolution

Front page for bad news, inside page for good news

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GMA's god

First woman Cabinet member

A call to all educators and students

Back to basics

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Out of this world

Legality doubtful

Filipino singer ...

Only Asian

Revival advocate

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Sample questions

Plebiscite in June

Teacher in GenSan ...

Undressing

Cruel punishment

Report to DepEd

STL licenses went to 'jueteng' lords?

CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA—SUSPECTED JUETENG lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda has reportedly obtained the license to operate the state-run Small Town Lottery (STL) in Angeles City, north of here, a police source said.

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Roundup

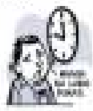
Murder suspect killed

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Quake hits Leyte, Cebu

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Curfew for minors



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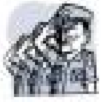
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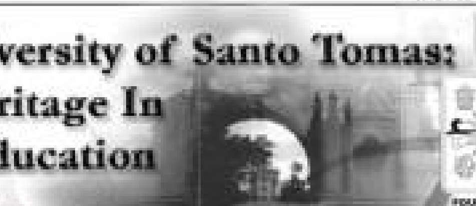


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PQA on the University of Santo Tomas: Enriching A Heritage In Total Quality Education



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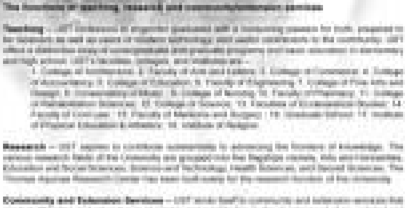
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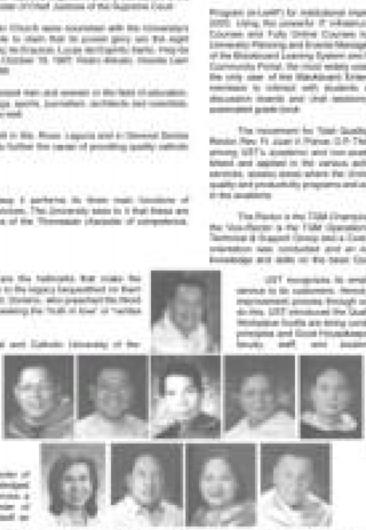
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UST Identity, Mission, and Vision

THE QUEST FOR THE PHILIPPINE QUALITY AWARD



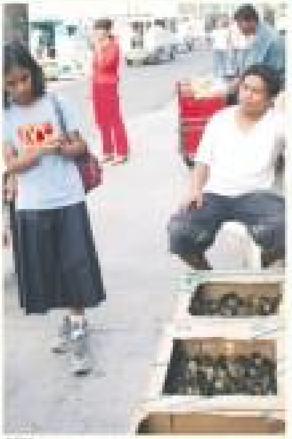


PQA IN VIEW OF 2011

Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management

Impartiality sought in mine spill probe

General sees more clashes with NPA



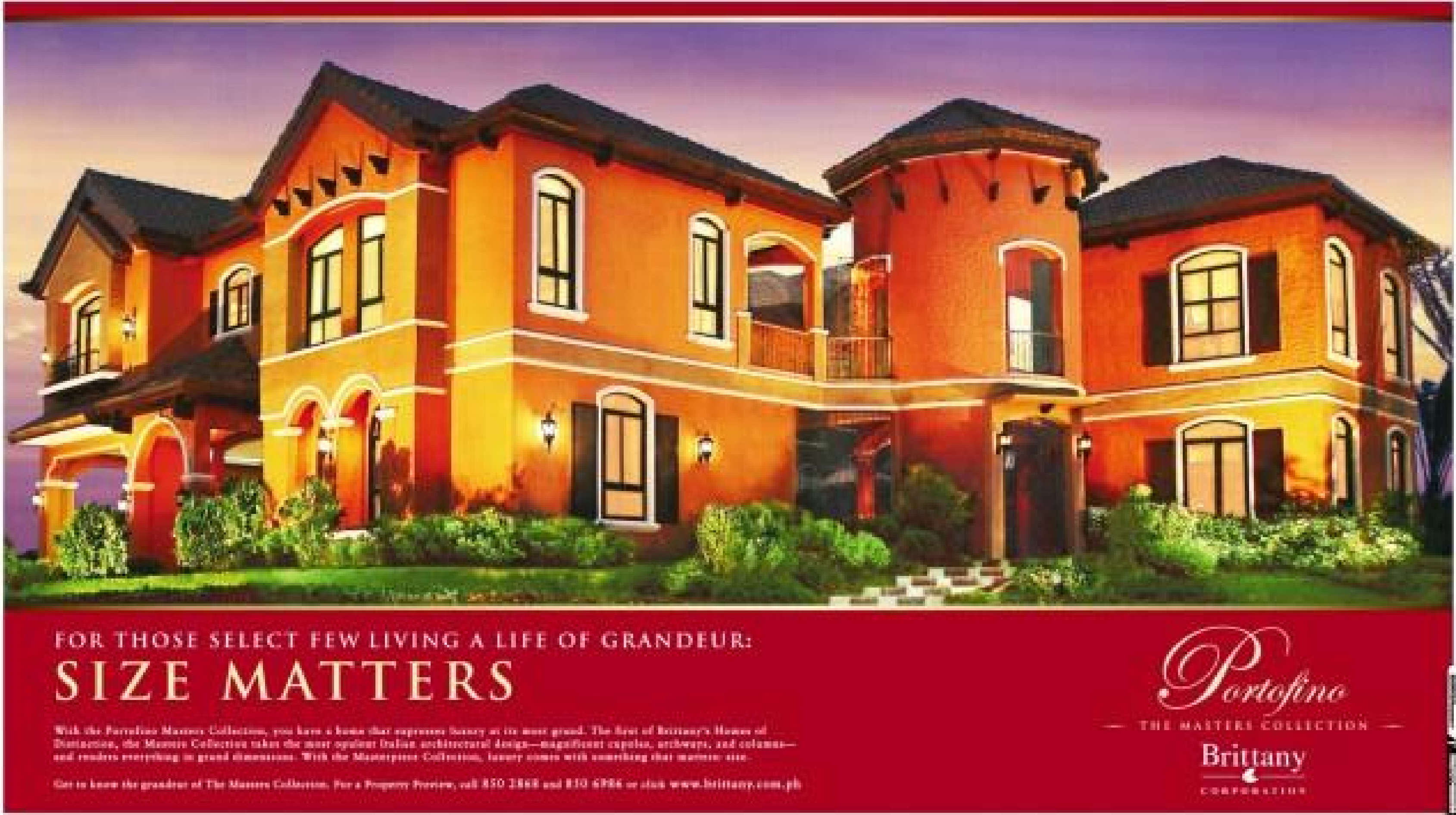
Media group assails Army order of battle



HARVEST TIME

Church leaders back Pangasinan cop chief

Backpackers suffer culture shock in jail


FOR THOSE SELECT FEW LIVING A LIFE OF GRANDEUR:
SIZE MATTERS
Portofino
THE MASTERS COLLECTION
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WHAT'S INSIDE

OPERATIONS BACK TO NORMAL

Oil overflow alarms Pandacan residents



Spare family, Umale's wife tells Chavit



PERFECT SPOT

Fight over recovered cash at Ultra stampede moves to court

Half of MMDA's 2006 budget goes to waste

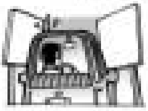
METROBRIEFS

Not a bright move



Work of amateur

Down with bill ads



Man dies after setting bed on fire

PMPA slams homecoming



FROM MILITARY MACHINE TO FISH SANCTUARY

EU blacklists 95 unsafe airlines

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Gambia says it foiled coup plot

Afghan Christian convert faces death

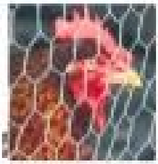
Fat man walking



US student nets $1M from poker tourney

The WORLD

Bird flu pandemic seen not imminent



NEW YORK—TWO GROUPS OF RESEARCHERS, in Japan and in Holland, say they have discovered why the avian flu virus is rarely if ever transmitted from one person to another.



Overnight vigils protesting vote defy Belarus authorities

How not to freeze or be arrested while on protest

Wal-Mart to hire 150,000 in China

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres



Off-form Gin Kings attempt to snap slide

LOSING IS BAD ENOUGH AS IT IS.



POC to seek crucial meeting with Arroyo

Paras sizes up again





Valencia, Iligan part ways



World bike champ struts stuff in RP cycling exhibit



SPORTSWATCH

Teams welcome in Coach E cagefest

Southwoods tennis camp starts April 1

70 fights scheduled today in Pasay

Bicol entry rules Religion 'Langahan'

EJC cockfest stakes 3 Honda bikes

Benilde, FEU gain semis



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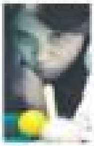


Marho spearheads drive against illegal bookies

RACING TIPS

BY TOP CHOICE

Amit leads RP challenge in Asian pool tilt


AMIT

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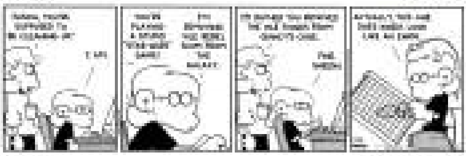


BAP should stop fighting a 'lost cause'

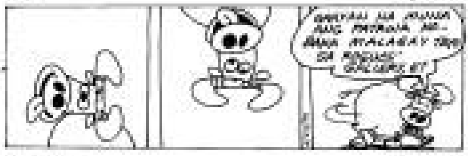
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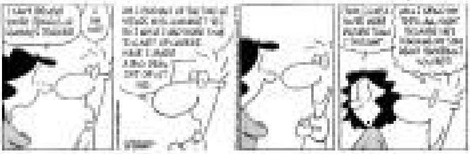
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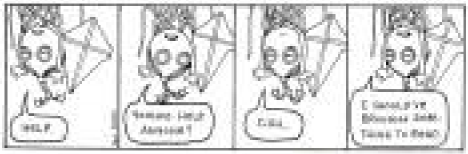
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BY JERRY SCOTT



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DIVINE COMEDY
BY STEVEN PABALINAS



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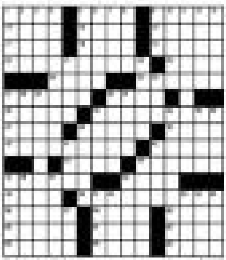
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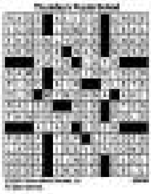


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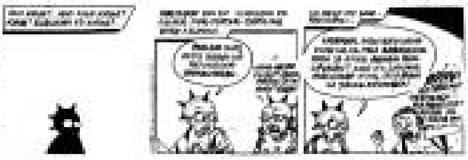


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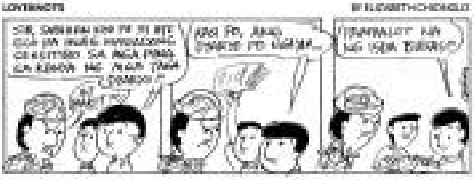




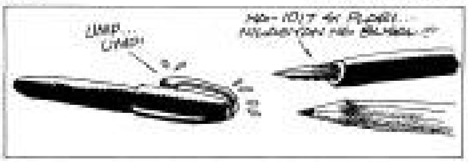
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ENTERTAINMENT

Gov't offers loans to producers

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Film council launches financial scheme to generate activity in the industry



TV soaps lull viewers into inaction

VIEWFINDER



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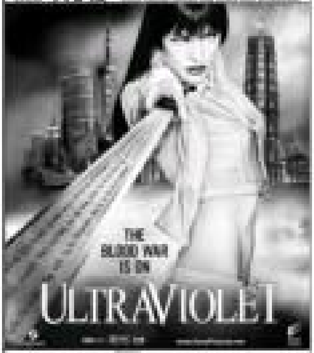
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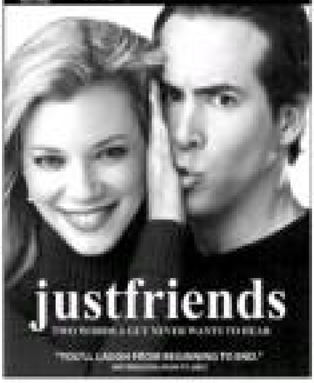


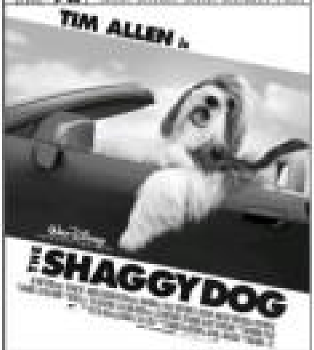
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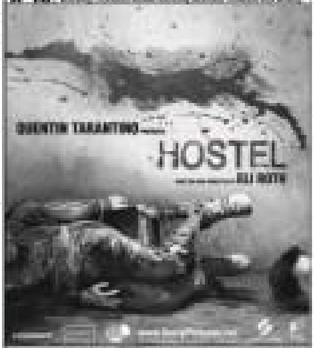
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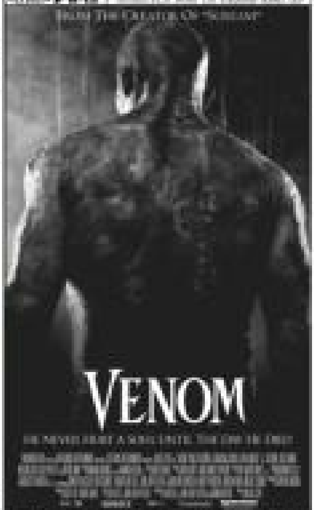


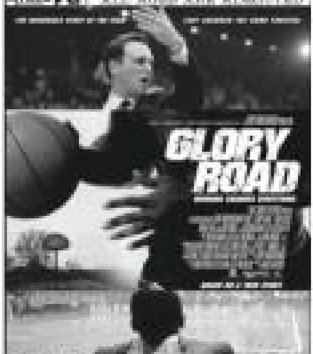




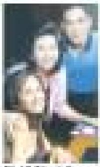








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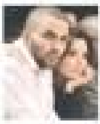
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Pilar's story



WONG Kar-wai

Wong directs Brits



TONY Parker and Eva Longoria

BF knows best



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Red Carpet 2006

Are you still hot?

Show Time











Jennifer Hudson, AI finalist, makes it, too

Only IN Hollywood



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—ON A RECENT night that absolutely proved the song "It Never Rains In Southern California" wrong, we braved the drive to downtown LA for what we hoped would be a special treat: a visit to the set of "Dreamgirls."

This Broadway musical inspired by the story of the Supremes is being turned into a movie.

Beyonce, Jamie Foxx and Eddie Murphy star, but what excited us was the inclusion of Jennifer Hudson—[illegible] "American Idol" finalist in 2004—in the cast! Jennifer plays Effie and gets to sing the show-stopper, one of Broadway's greatest ballads of all time, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

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We are happy for Jennifer because most of the "Idol" finalists through all five years have not landed record or any other show biz deals.

In the "Dreamgirls" movie, if Jennifer proves that she has acting chops as well, she may be in the biz for good. By coincidence, the performer who shook the rafters when she belted "And I Am Telling" in the original 1981 Broadway production is also named Jennifer—but surname Holliday.

There are signs that Jennifer is in Hollywood for good. ShoWest, the annual film trade convention in Las Vegas, recently named the Illinois native as "Female Star of Tomorrow" for 2006. [illegible]

Like a premiere

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'Dallas,' 'Hatter'

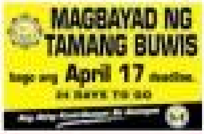
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FROM left, Anika Noni Rose, Beyonce and Jennifer Hudson [illegible]



BUSINESS



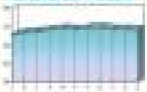
Gov't hikes sin tax collection target by 18%

BIR to make up for its failure last year to deliver expected revenue

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECTED THE BUREAU OF Internal Revenue to increase its collection of "sin taxes" by 18 percent this year.

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares close 0.37% higher

WHAT'S INSIDE

BOP surplus of ₱1.6B seen by yearend

By Doris C. Dumlao



Empire East to buy back shares

Real estate developer sets aside ₱2 billion for 2-yr program

Splash sees sales growth

Shares . . .

Winston ups Equitable ante

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

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Heard through the grapevine

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Economists at the gate

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Money-go-round

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Gov't hikes . . .

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ProductFILES

Low cost water station



OBITUARIES

CABOCHAN FAMILY

MOURNS WITH DEEP SORROW THE UNTIMELY DEATH, AT THE AGE OF 81, OF THEIR BELOVED

RICARDO PAULINO CABOCHAN

OF SAN MIGUEL, BULACAN

His remains lie in state at Mount Carmel Church, New Manila, Quezon City. His cremation will be held at Loyola Marikina on Sunday, March 26, 2006 after the 2:30 p.m. Mass at Mount Carmel Church

LOURDES MEDRANO VASQUEZ

of Nasugbu, Batangas and Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa

Died on March 19, 2006 at the age of 81.

Her husband **Godofredo Vasquez**; children **Gerry Vasquez** and **Ivy Vasquez-Javier**; children-in-law **Yhang Errasquin-Vasquez** and **Jonathan Javier** and grandchildren **Glancy** and **Joshua** request their friends to join them in prayers.

Her remains lie in state at F. Castro Street, Nasugbu, Batangas. Interment will be on Sunday, March 26, 2006 after the 3 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, Nasugbu, Batangas.

JOSE DEMETILLO MASANGKAY, SR.

(February 21, 1922 – March 20, 2006)

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FELINO ISIDRO DE LEON

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Switch to energy-saving lamps will save RP ₱24B/year, Philips says

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Empire . . .



Investing in women farmers

COMMENTARY

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Dette L. Nacario: a woman leader in computer industry



LTO: Rising number of tricycles offsets drop in other PUV registrations



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Chevron adding more service stations, upgrading facilities

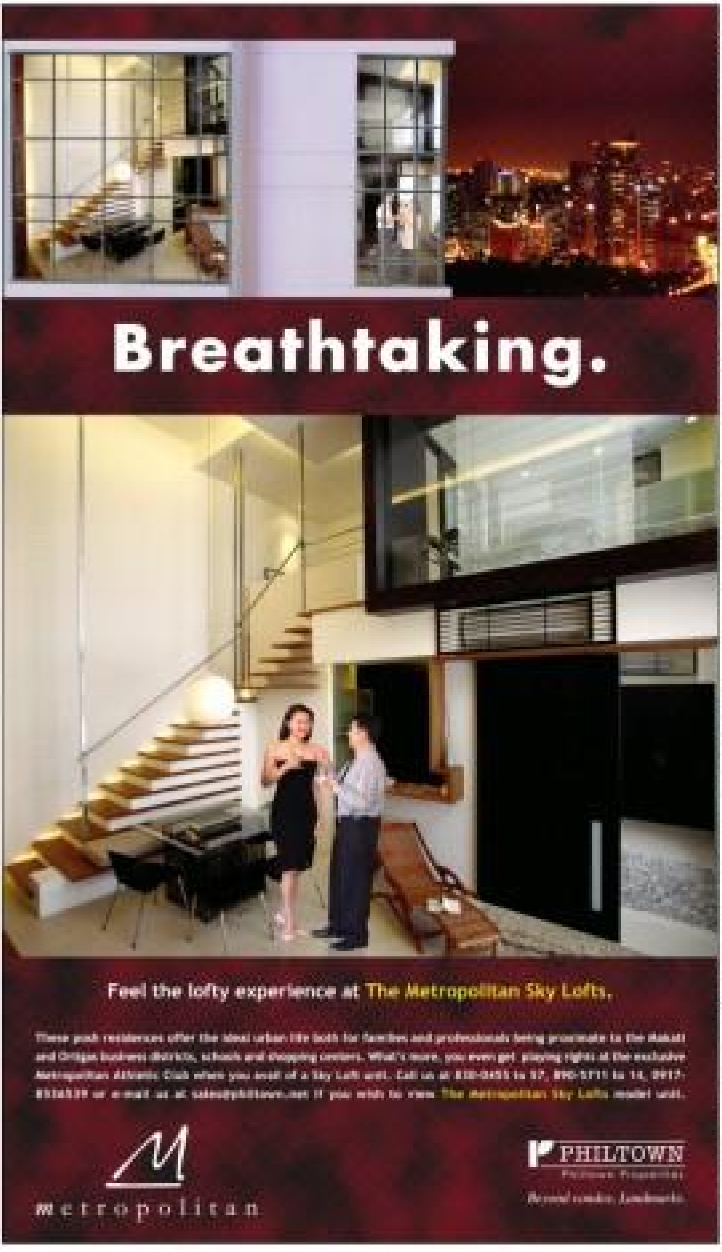
BOP surplus of P1.6B seen by yearend

CALENERGY WINS AN ANVIL AWARD



Palace moves to fast track dev't of halal export sector

Boosting RP chances in $150-B global market



SMC to buy ₱500M worth of cassava from Mindoro yearly

LRTA to press for fare hike bid

BUSINESS Friday







Does your billboard have stopping power?

Signage was the earliest form of advertising used by Egyptian merchants



Early billboard forms

Growth of billboards

Henry Sy: Big brother of Filipino entrepreneurs



THE PRESIDENT with the retail taipan.

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Consumers ...

Does your ...

It started wtih pizza weekends in NY





Fast forward to present

Philam Plans Sales: Serving the Filipinos











Knowing people's dreams and the market's needs

Inspiring a new generation



Providing Filipinos better careers and a secure future

BUSINESS *Friday*

Consumers do judge a store by its looks



By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

Goldilocks

Abra



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LIFESTYLE

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso





FLORALS on totes from Benetton 2006 Spring Summer Collection

Summer blooms



TROPICAL and roomy straw totes in two sizes

FLOWERS ARE ALL ABLOOM FOR SUMMER AND they're blossoming on roomy totes and small bags alike.

Sunny and bright canvas and straw totes in yellow, orange, blue and white with crochet flower appliqués speak of warm, breezy days on the beach. Check out these harvests from United Colors of Benetton.

From Sugar come light canvas bags with fun prints, from pretty breezy beach and makeup to funky evening bags and girl power bags.

United Colors of Benetton is available at all Gift Gate stores. Sugar is available at SM Megamall and Glorietta 2, Ayala Center, Makati.

Save Up with BPI and Upgrade Your Lifestyle!

A lifestyle upgrade is an exciting prospect for many of us. After all, who wouldn't want to drive home a brand new luxury car, move to a more upscale neighborhood or simply have more cash at one's disposal?

Now, the Bank of the Philippine Islands lets you upgrade your lifestyle, whatever stage in life you are in—whether you're just starting out, somewhat successful or already accomplished. Get a chance to move from the usual to the grand when you join BPI SAVE UP, MOVE UP promo. As the title suggests, you have a chance to move up in life when you save with BPI.

The promo is open to all peso and foreign currency individual account holders who open or maintain Savings, Checking or Time Deposit Accounts with BPI, BPI Family Savings Bank or BPI Direct Savings Bank. Every ₱5,000 deposit in savings or checking or ₱25,000 in a time deposit entitles a depositor to get one (1) electronic raffle coupon. The more you save, the more chances of winning.

Three exciting lifestyle prizes will be raffled off. In the first draw, BPI gives you the chance to double your total deposit balance by as much as ₱500,000. You may use the big inflow of funds in whatever way you want.

The second draw prize is one that the entire family will love. Get a chance to win a stylish Volvo V50 station wagon. With the Volvo V50, family trips will never be the same again.

Lastly, the prize for the third draw is an upgrade anyone will surely welcome. BPI is giving you a chance to own a posh studio unit at The Columns Ayala Avenue, one of Makati's most vibrant condominium residences. This is perfect when you want to start out on your own or for newlyweds who wish to start their new life together in style. It can also be the best gift a parent can give his child. You can also use it as an investment because it appreciates in value.

But that's not all. On top of BPI SAVE UP, MOVE UP's exciting raffle, a depositor is also entitled to get a BPI Electronic Gift Card worth ₱1,000 for every ₱300,000 new or additional deposit in savings or checking. The gift card comes in the form of a BPI Express Cash Card. Unlike other gift cards which limit your shopping to selected establishments, you can use the BPI Express Cash Card in over 45,000 MasterCard Electronic establishments nationwide to purchase anything and everything you desire.

So start saving with BPI today! Who knows, you could be in for a fabulous lifestyle upgrade! For more details, visit any BPI, BPI Family Savings Bank branch or Express Banking Center. You may also call 89-100 or log on to www.bpiexpressonline.com.

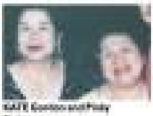






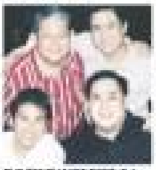




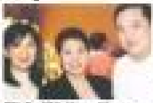


Surprise birthday bash for sexagenarian











WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

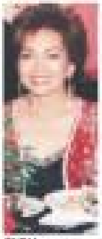
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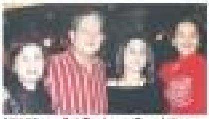


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Go-getting card

Fila sails ahead



























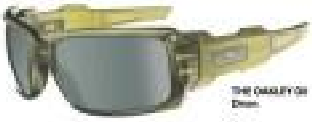












THE OAKLEY Oil Drum



Shades of summer





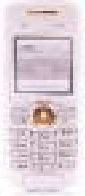
Children's camp registration



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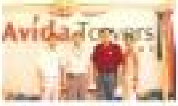








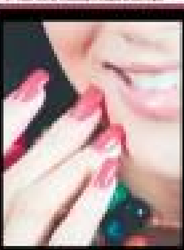
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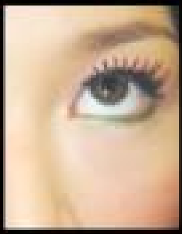


LIFESTYLE

BEAUTY

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso
Contributing editor
Ria Francisco-Prieto


NAIL it!


CUT and keep


SUMMER protection


HUES and shades

Let your nails do the talking



I think French manicure is the safest and looks clean. Plus, I've yet to hear a boy not liking it. Big bonus!

KNOCKOUT!



Pia Francisco-Prieto

Pampering

Rewarding



discount!

cut & keep

Green-eyed but no monster



AFTER



BEFORE

Preventing summer breakouts

MAKEOVER 911







Silky hair

Baby-soft skin







Hues and shades from sunup to sundown

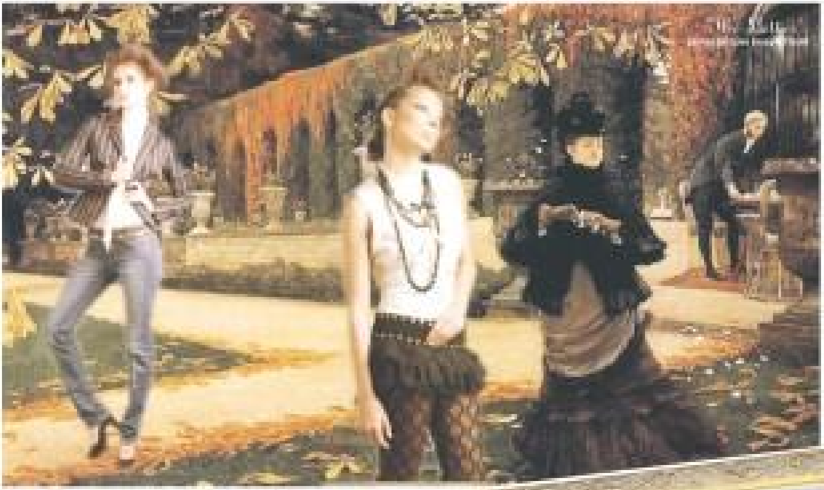


Hues and shades. . .



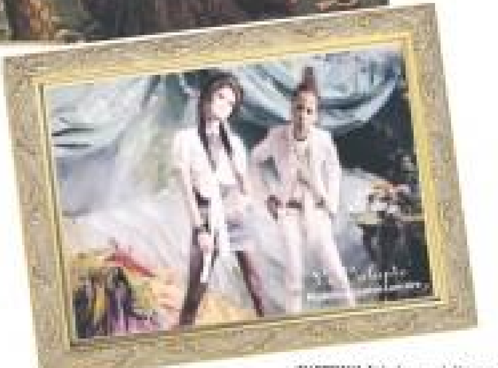



LIFESTYLE
FASHION
rockin romantic



Rock chic with a romantic twist? It's a rebellious yet glamorous look

The new school of rock



LEATHER JACKET, denim mini, slogan T-shirt, black stockings, knee-high boots, steel accessories. Add to that dyed hair, piercings, tattoos and black-painted fingernails for the perfect f**k-you sign.

Experiment!





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MULTIPANELED skirt made of piqué by James Reyes

SHAPES and textures on Quisumbing-Ramilo's stylized artistic trousers

BEADS on the bodice of pina top by Yvonne Quisumbing-Ramilo

THE "CIRCLE" blouse can be wrapped around the waist or, in this case, slung over the shoulders.

HAND-PAINTED [illegible] by Eustaquio

COBALT blue Thai silk dress with ruffles that simulate feathers by Patty Eustaquio

Art start

Three designers are managing the transition from one art form to another seamlessly

By Alex Y. Vergara

IN CASE YOU STILL DON'T know (or haven't accepted yet), fashion design is a legitimate form of art. In fact, some of today's young talents were already steeped in various art forms before they branched out and found their respective niches in the world of fashion and accessories.

In her desire to improve her fabric installations, for instance, painter and sculptor Patty Eustaquio took up pattern making two years ago [illegible]

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Sumptuous pieces

Fashion and accessories designer Yvonne Quisumbing-Ramilo [illegible]

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Call of fashion

Unlike his female colleagues, James Reyes was already holding a regular job in one of the country's leading ad agencies when the call of fashion beckoned.

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Practical art

[illegible]

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph

brag board

[illegible]



SWISH [illegible] Ferragamo's [illegible] patchwork-style shoulder bag.

PUCCI'S signature prints [illegible]

BURSTS of color [illegible] Ferragamo [illegible]

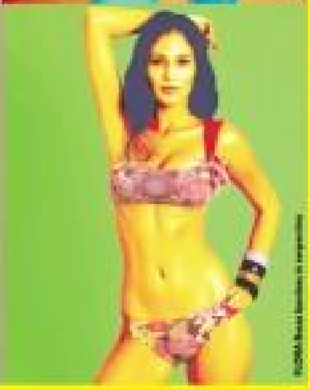
PAINT your summer wardrobe [illegible] Kate Spade's [illegible] Handbag.

Eye-POPping beach babe picks



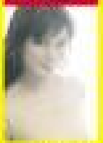






The great swimsuit search

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

TRANSPORT YOURself to the exotic beaches of Brazil and channel that goddess (or should I say girl?) from Ipanema who was rightfully immortalized in Jobim's timeless Bossa Nova classic. Can't do it literally? Try slipping on any one of Speedo by Rosa Chá's swimwear collection and let your imagination do the rest.

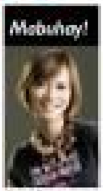
Diamante daze

Haute jeweler Carissa Oledan Coscolluela turns staple accessories of our generation into true works of art

WHEN ANDY WARHOL channeled his artistic prowess into, of all things, Campbell's soup cans, some souls in the world probably did a double-take and said, "What the—?"



Mabuhay!



Jewel Epperson





Sapphires and diamonds fake eyelashes available at Blue Unisons

Hello trinkets!

Twinkle of an eye (lash)

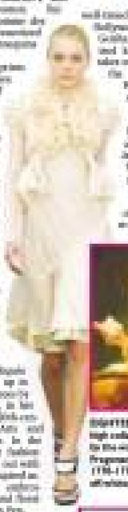
From canvas to catwalk

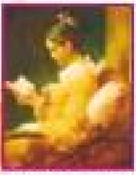
This season's bold prints seem to have jumped off framed works by a wide pantheon of artists

By Cherie Y. Pinol



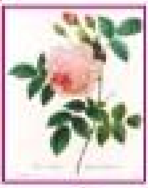
THE BOLD graphics on this Diesel dress recall Joan Miró's "Personnage"





EIGHTEENTH-century ruffled high collars, like the one worn by the woman in Jean-Honoré Fragonard's "The Reader," ca. 1770-1772, reappear in this all-white Balenciaga.





VALENTINO'S summer dress with matching clutch and heels echoes Pierre-Joseph Redouté's "Rosa Indica"





FENDI'S dress is reminiscent of Paul Klee's "Remembrance of a Garden," ca. 1914.